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1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REPEATED REQUESTS THE MFA ON OCTOBER 5 GAVE US BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MRS GIEREK AND THE OTHER LADIES IN THE GIEREK PARTY WITH THE MINISTRY'S APOLOGIES FOR THE LENGTHY DELAY.

2. MRS GIEREK. STANISWAWA GIEREK, NEE JEDRUSIK, WAS BORN FEBRUARY 10, 1918, IN ZAGORZE, IN THE SILESIA-DABROWSKI COAL BASIN REGION. HER FATHER WAS A MINER, WHO WORKED FOR MAY YEARS IN THE "MORTIMER" COAL MINE, AND WAS ALSO ACTIVE AS A MEMBER OF THE POLISH SOCIALIST PARTY. DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION HE WAS DEPORTED TO A CONCENTRATION CAMP. MRS GIEREK'S ELDER BROTHER PARTICIPATED IN THE 1939 CAMPAIGN AS A SOLDIER IN THE POLISH ARMY AND WAS INTERNED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WAR IN A POW CAMP IN GERMANY. MRS GIEREK'S MOTHER HAD DIED WHEN SHE WAS 8.

3. MRS GIEREK MARRIED EDWARD GIEREK AT THE AGE OF 19 AND SOON AFTERWARDS THEY BOTH EMIGRATED TO BELGIUM, WHERE THEY LIVED UNTIL RETURNING TO POLAND IN 1947.

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THEY HAVE TWO SONS, ADAM AND JERZY, BORN IN BELGIUM

IN 1938 AND 1942 RESPECTIVELY. THEY ARE NOW BOTH
PROFESSORS AT THE SILESIAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN GLIWICE.

4. MRS GIEREK HAS A SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION WITH A
MAJOR IN ECONOMICS. SHE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE POLISH
UNITED WORKERS PARTY SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II. IN
RECOGNITION OF HER PARTICIPATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
FASCISM AS WELL AS FOR HER ACTIVITIES IN THE PREWAR
PERIOD AND AFTER THE LIBERATION, SHE HAS BEEN AWARDED
BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE THE KNIGHTS CROSS OF THE ORDER
OF POLONIA RESTITUTA.

5. MRS GIEREK IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PROBLEMS
RELATED TO LIVING CONDITIONS, THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG
PEOPLE, AND CHILD CARE. SHE IS ALSO A GREAT ADMIRER OF
NATURE AND IS INTERESTED IN THE CULTIVATION OF FRUITS
AND GARDENING. SHE IS VERY FOND OF FLOWERS. SHE SPEAKS
FLEMISH AND FRENCH.

6. MRS JAGIELSKI. ALOJZA-SOFIA JAGIELSKA WAS BORN
JUNE 21, 1925 IN WARSAW, WHERE SHE COMPLETED HER
SECONDARY EDUCATION. AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR SHE
WORKED IN VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF A SOCIAL CHARACTER
AND INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION
OF THE CITY OF CIECHANOW, THE PEASANT SELF-HELP
ASSOCIATION IN WARSAW, AND THE INSTITUTE OF HYGIENE
IN WARSAW. SHE DEVOTES A GOOD DEAL OF TIME TO PARTICIPA-
TION IN LOCAL COMMUNITY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. SHE HAS TWO
SONS, OF WHICH THE ELDER, JAN, IS A PHYSICIAN, AND
THE YOUNGER, WOJCIECH, IS COMPLETING HIS HIGHER EDUCATION
AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY.

7. MRS JAGIELSKI IS A MEMBER OF THE POLISH UNITED
WORKERS PARTY. SHE IS INTERESTED IN INTERIOR
ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN. SHE LIKES TO SPEND HER LEISURE
TIME WITH HER FAMILY IN NATURAL RECREATIONAL AREAS, MOST
FREQUENTLY IN THE MOUNTAINS AND IN THE LAKE COUNTRY.

8. MRS OLSZOWSKI. JANINA OLSZOWSKA WAS BORN
MARCH 18, 1938 IN WARSAW, INTO THE FAMILY OF CIVIL
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SERVANT. SHE COMPLETED HER SECONDARY EDUCATION IN LODZ,
WHERE SHE ALSO TOOK A MASTERS DEGREE IN RUSSIAN
PHILOLOGY AT LODZ UNIVERSITY.

9. FROM 1954 TO 1956 SHE WORKED AT THE MANAGEMENT
BOARD OF THE ACADEMIC SPORT ASSOCIATION, PARTICIPATING
IN YACHTING AT THE SAME TIME. FROM 1960 TO 1964 SHE
WAS ENGAGED IN SCIENTIFIC AND PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES AT

THE WESTERN INSTITUTE AT POZNAN, DURING THE PERIOD WHEN HER HUSBAND WAS A SECRETARY OF THE POZNAN PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS PARTY. SHE HAS LIVED IN WARSAW SINCE 1964, WHERE SHE HAS WORKED AS A FREE-LANCE TRANSLATOR WITH MANY PUBLISHING HOUSES, PERIODICALS AND LITERARY MAGAZINES. SHE HAS ONE 16 YEAR OLD SON, KRZYSZTOF. SHE IS INTERESTED IN THE THEATER AND IN MOVIES AND, WHEN TIME PERMITS, LIKES TO SWIM AND TO YACHTING.

10. KRYSZYNA LUBCZYNSKA, INTERPRETER. MRS LUBCZYNSKI WAS BORN APRIL 29, 1939 IN WARSAW, THE DAUGHTER OF AN AIRLINE PILOT, MARIAN PLONCZYNSKI, WHO SERVED WITH THE BRITISH ROYAL AIR FORCE AND THE ATLANTIC FERRY COMMAND DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. UPON THE COMPLETION OF HER SECONDARY EDUCATION, SHE ENTERED WARSAW UNIVERSITY, WHERE SHE TOOK HER M.A. IN ENGLISH PHILOLOGY IN 1963. THE FOLLOWING YEAR SHE JOINED THE TEACHING STAFF OF THE FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT AT THE CENTRAL HIGHER SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND STATISTICS IN WARSAW, WHERE SHE HAS BEEN WORKING EVER SINCE AS TEACHER OF ENGLISH. AWARDED A BRITISH COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP IN 1971, SHE COMPLETED A COURSE IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS AT EDINBURG UNIVERSITY. SHE MARRIED MAREK LUBCZYNSKI IN 1962 AND HAS A DAUGHTER, AGATA, BORN IN 1964.

11. ELZBIETA PULAWSKA-PRZYSZYCHOWSKA-INTERPRETER. MRS PULAWSKA-PRZYSZYCHOWSKI WAS BORN DECEMBER 7, 1946 IN WARSAW, WHERE SHE COMPLETED HER SECONDARY EDUCATION. SHE TOOK A DEGREE IN ENGLISH FROM THE HIGHER SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY AND IS NOW STUDYING FOR A MASTERS DEGREE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH PHILOLOGY AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY. SHE WORKED FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OF THE POLISH PRESS AGENCY IN 1969-72, ALSO WORKING PART-TIME FOR THE POLISH INTERPRESS AGENCY. SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1972 SHE HAS WORKED FULL-TIME FOR POLISH INTERPRESS AGENCY, FIRST IN THE ENGLISH SECTION OF THE NEWS AND FEATURE DEPARTMENT, AND MORE RECENTLY IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, SHE HAS VISITED GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES. IN 1967 SHE COMPLETED THE REGENT SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN LONDON AND RECEIVED THE LOWER CAMBRIDGE DIPLOMA. SHE WAS MARRIED IN DECEMBER 1972.DAVIS

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